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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1 after the title of the invention:

This application is a continuation of prior application serial number 10/375,778, filed February 26, 2003, which in turn is a continuation of prior application serial number 09/219,441, filed August 15, 2002, which in turn is a continuation of prior application serial number 10/098,181, filed March 14, 2002, which in turn is a continuation of prior application serial number 09/977,061, filed October 12, 2001, which in turn is a reissue of U.S. Patent Number 5,964,897, issued October 12, 1999, entitled INTEGRATED STRUCTURE FOR A CONVOLUTIVE VITERBI DECODER, which are incorporated herein by reference.